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UDALL SPEAKS AT UM

MISSOULA--

Referring to the environmental movement as a quality of life coalition, former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall addressed a near capacity crowd at the University of Montana Wednesday.

Speaking before nearly 1,500 students and townspeople, Udall stressed what he called the environmental imperatives of the 70s.

The Arizona native called the health of our cities one of the sickening things of our times.

"If you measure the success of our country by the health of our cities then we're a failure," he said.

Udall, who served as Secretary of the Interior during both the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, admitted that he made some mistakes while in office.

"I gave the okay," he said, "to allow off-shore (oil) drilling near Santa Barbara (Calif.) and now I would call it a conservation 'Bay of Pigs'."

When asked about the environmental condition of Montana, Udall said Montana would have to be rated as very good.

"It's interesting that you (Montanans) have not been gung ho to develop industry and that you have been skeptical of growth," he added.

Udall cautioned everyone about becoming too dependent on just one industry, such as tourism.

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